

REMARKS

This communication is in response to the Final Office Action of January 5, 2009.

Claims 24, 26, 27, 29, 30 and 32 are rejected under 37 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Slezak (U.S. 6,647,119 B1), in view of Sibbald (U.S. 6,498,857 B1), and Shaw et al. (U.S. 6,016,515). The Examiner stated that claims 25, 28 and 31 were objected to, but would be allowed if rewritten in independent form.

Applicant has amended the claims. In particular, Applicant has rewritten claims 25, 28, and 31 to be independent claims by incorporating relevant limitations into the base independent claims upon which they depend.

Applicant has also amended claims 24, 27, and 30 to correct several typographical errors and has correspondingly revised the dependent claims.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if there are any residual issues that can be resolved through a telephone call.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1283.

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